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HOORAY FOR US!

Spirit of John Bull: Nobly done, Jonathan! You're a true chip of the old block. Never neglect an opportunity to bully a little fellow when you can get him in a tight place.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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HERE is a preposterous form of priggishness found in the vulgar usage of the word "society" that is so heinous an offense against the canons of rhetorical elegance that it would scarcely be worth attention were not the evil spreading into districts where one is not prepared for it. As it is an offense against the ethics of democracy and the higher moral culture as well, it is quite time that the evil was arrested. For instance, a metropolitan journal that prides itself upon the purity of its English, displays a headline on its editorial page once each week that reads "What is Going On in Society," over a column devoted to the doings of those fortunate—or unfortunate, as one looks at it—mortals who have nothing to do but amuse themselves. Another metropolitan journal of high literary reputation said recently in a biographical sketch of a suicide, that he was once a "society man," and it is a common thing for the Jenkinses of the rural press to write about the début of a young lady "into society." Indeed, it is getting to be a no uncommon thing, even for men and women with some claim to education, to speak of a person being "in society" when the speaker's meaning is merely, that the person in question is admitted to those exclusive circles that are formed, in the present stage of civilization, wherever the human family exists.

F the head-line of the first newspaper we have mentioned read, "What is Going On in Fashionable Society;" if the other great journal and educator had said the subject of its sketch once mingled in polite society, or if the Jenkinses and others qualified the word when used as we have designated, there would be no fault to find. "What is Going On in Society" is a caption that ought to embrace the contents of the entire newspaper, instead of being merely a record of the amusements of that class that forms the least important part of society. The boot-maker, the coachman, the butcher, the newsboy, the man who sweeps the pavement, the rag-picker, the beggar at the back-door, are as much "in society" as the most exclusive of the ladies and gentlemen who subscribe to the Charity Ball or are members of the Tuxedo Club. Society includes the entire human family, and the preposterous priggishness of the vulgar usage

we have mentioned, is accentuated by the circumstance that the class that attempts to confine the word to the limits of its own narrow circle, forms the least useful part of society. The tailors of Tooley Street, who called themselves the people of England, were modest by comparison.

ERESTCHAGIN, the Russian artist, is opposed to the closing of the doors of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Sunday, and declares the system to be a hypocritical one. As Verestchagin is an agnostic, however, his opinion is scarcely valuable, in that he does not comprehend how the sight of curios, paintings, and other works of art, on Sunday, is calculated to inflame the religious mind and inspire unholy thoughts in the Christian bosom. The circumstance that the artist is an unbeliever also limits his intellectual scope, so that he is unable to appreciate how much greater benefit the industrial classes-for whom, we have the assurance of the Board of Trustees, the Museum is specially intended—derive from the inspection of these treasures of art when they are observed on a week-day at the expense of a day's wages. When the world learns that the proper way to look at humanity and religion is through the big end of the telescope of theological dogma, we shall all comprehend why the Museum of Art is closed on Sunday, and at that time the scoffers who now dare demand that the doors of the institution be opened to the public on a holy day will be put to shame-not untill then, however!

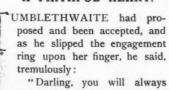
THE Legislative mill is at it again. The saloon-keepers and ward-heelers of the city, hindered a trifle by a few intelligent and patriotic citizens, and the farmers of the interior, with hay-germs in their capillary coverings, are turning out new laws for this municipality, and in their combined wisdom fixing things up for the great Empire State for another year. It is something in the nature of a consolation that the Legislature cannot do much worse than it has done in previous years; but how delightful a sensation it would be if we might know that our legislators were honest and feel that they were working in the interests of their constituents! Nevertheless, the respectable element has itself to blame that its Legislature is constituted as it is. Just as long as the better class of citizens refuses to attend the primaries, or to vote unless the weather is fine, it will be mortified by such spectacles as the Senate and Assembly Chambers in Albany present now. Our constitutional machinery is all right, and would secure us the perfection of government if every citizen did his plain duty. It is poetic justice when the citizen who has failed to do his part in the election of our legislators finds them making foolish laws that inure to his commercial and social disavantage, but it is rather hard on the citizen who does his duty.



THE SABBATH,

As it might be if left to those who insist upon closing the museums upon Sunday. Why not devise some means like the above for protecting the rest of mankind against the sinful effects of nature upon that day?

#### A FAITHFUL HEART.



"Darling, you will always wear it upon this finger, won't you?" and the girl, with a shy glance of love, replied:

"Always, George, always—when I am with you."

THE Western newspapers relate the case of a dentist who tried to fill the teeth of a buzsaw. He succeeded, so the coroner thought.

A N old motto is: "Start your boys on the right track." That's easier said than done; it requires too much switching in some cases.



THE ADVANTAGES OF EDUCATION.

"Now, if I hadn't been able to read, what a fix I might have been in!"



#### HADJI HASSAN GHOULY KHAN.

The Persian Minister is receiving instructions, from ladies, in the English language.—Morning Paper.

H ADJI HASSAN GHOULY KHAN, Late of Persia, happy man!— Cannot talk like Englishman; Eats at dinner all he can Without speaking—happy man!

Hadji Hassan Ghouly Khan— Oh, how fortunate this man! For of French the Melican, But a little talkee can, Don't disturb him—happy man!

Hadji Hassan Ghouly Khan Learns to talk like Englishman; For the women pity man Who with them no chinny can; So they teach this Hassan Khan To speak English, poor old man!

ERILY it looks now as if the unholy abomination that exists in the rattling of the Fifth Avenue stages on Sunday is at last to be banished permanently from the pious thoroughfare of our local aristocracy, owing to the efforts of that great and good man, Elliott F. Shepard. Hereafter those foolish and improvident Christians, who have not accumulated sufficient wealth to set up carriages, and have been in the

habit of using the stages as a means of traveling to and from church, may stay at home, or walk, or go to houses of worship that are nearer their humble domiciles—a result that will have this beneficial effect, at least, that the rich may not be annoyed in

the houses of God on Fifth Avenue, by the presence of the poor, and that the Creator may be glorified in having at least a few temples in the city where the congregations are nearer his own social level than in the plebeian churches of less exalted neighborhoods.

IT is a gratifying thought, too, that the simple Shepard and his stage company, are not likely to loose much by their pious zeal to secure Christian quiet on the "Avanue of

Churches" on Sunday. What with the docking of the wages of their employes, the lack of wear and tear on vehicles and harness for that day, and the reduction in the quantity of oats fed the stage motors during the hours they do not work, the company's balance-sheet is apt to look just as well as if the impious Sunday traffic were in full blast. Nevertheless it should be borne in mind that the circumstance that the [dividends for Sunday were very small, has had nothing to do with the good Shepard's motives in stopping the stages on that day. This should be sufficient to kill at once those reckless slanders to the effect that the great and good man in question has waited until the financial experiment failed before closing the line on the Sabbath.

IF England desires a casus belli with Germany, it ought to be found in the following extract, concerning a state ceremony, from a South German newspaper:

"After him came Lord Salisbury on his head; a white hat on his feet; large, well-blacked boots on his brow; a dark cloud in his hand; the unavoidable walking-stick in his eyes; a threatening look in gloomy silence."

The editor of the newspaper claims that the seeming reflection upon the dignity of the English premier is only the result of indifferent punctuation on the part of the proof-reader; but England is not obliged to accept this explanation.

A HEBREW scholar, last week in Boston, picked up a copy of one of Howells's novels. He began at the back end, recognized the style, and became so interested that he forgot to breathe and died.

THE benevolent labors of Eidlitz, the architect who constructed the stone ceiling of the Assembly Chamber in the Albany Capitol, with a view to its ultimate falling in while the Legislature was in session, have been undone. The Assembly has had the ceiling removed, and has for it an ordinary plaster one that would do no permanent good if it did fall. It would have been just the luck of the people to have had the stone ceiling drop while the Legislature was not in session, anyway, and one sole hope now must be in the rising up somewhere among us of an American Guy Fawkes.

FREDERICK: Yes, Dr. Mackenzie is a great surgeon, but clearly he is not a good business man. What a future would be his should he devote his time to the sore throats of French duellists and English prize-fighters, for instance.



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WHY IS THIS?

HERE IS THE CLEVER MISS CRAMMER WHO WAS RECENTLY GRADUATED, AND POSSESSES A "FINE MIND." YET SHE RECEIVES VERY LITTLE ATTENTION.

IS THIS THE WAY "HIGHER EDUCATION" AFFECTS A GIRL SOCIALLY?







THE LITTLE BURGLAR, THE BIG TRUNK AND THE FIVE-CENT CIGAR.



#### A BOOK FOR YOUNG AND OLD AMERICANS.

NE may refer only very inadequately in this brief column to a work of such scope and importance as "The American Commonwealth" (Macmillan, 2 vols.), by James Bryce, M. P. It should, however, deeply interest even those who seldom venture beyond the pages of light literature. The part (VI.) which treats of our Social Institutions is most entertaining to the general reader, as it discusses subjects like the Bar, the Bench, Railroads, Wall Street, Universities, Religion, Women, Literature, and Society. Probably the most sensitive American reader will be convinced that Mr. Bryce has written in a spirit of great judicial fairness, tempered not a little with sympathy and appreciation which make him kinder to us than the critics of our own household. This book should not only make the United States better understood abroad, but should give clearer ideas to our own people of the nature and apparent destiny of their country. Men of acute perception have been recently unable to see any dominant national spirit here except the commercial one. It is the best mission of a book like "The American Commonwealth," to foster a right and effective national spirit among intelligent people.

I N the chapter on "Universities," there are several generalizations which should encourage the earnest men who have been striving for the highest scholarship against great odds. Mr. Bryce says:

"If I may venture to state the impression which the American universities have made upon me, I will say that, while of all the institutions of the country they are those of which the Americans speak most modestly and, indeed, deprecatingly, they are those which seem to be at this moment making the swiftest progress, and to have the brightest promise for the future. They are supplying exactly those things which European critics have hitherto found lacking to America, and they are contributing to her political as well as to her contemplative life elements of inestimable worth."

Mr. Bryce does not limit this praise to the older universities of the East, but finds a great deal to admire in the young and struggling colleges in Western States.

The author has fallen into error in stating that "No special provision seems to have been made (except by the Johns Hopkins and Harvard fellowships) for the promotion of research, as apart from the work of learning and teaching." As a matter of fact, Dr. McCosh was a pioneer in this work, and for certainly fifteen years Princeton has possessed well-endowed fellowships for exactly this purpose. At present she has about a dozen, yielding \$500 or \$600 each.

THE following enthusiastic tribute is paid to American students: "There is more zeal and heartiness among these men, more freshness of mind, more love of learning for its own sake, more willingness to forego the chances of fame and wealth for the sake of adding to the stock of human knowledge, than is to be found to-day in Oxford or Cambridge, or in the universities of Scotland."

Droch.

#### NEW BOOKS .

 $T^{\it HE\ LIFE\ OF\ RAPHAEL}$ . By Herman Grimm. Boston: Cupples & Hurd.

Wit, Wisdom and Pathos. From the prose of Heinrich Heine. Selected and translated by J. Snodgrass. Boston: Cupples & Hurd.

A Heart Regained. By Carmen Silva. Boston: Cupples & Hurd.
A Village Tragedy. By M. L. Woods. New York: Henry Holt & Co.
The Discarded Paughter. By Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

Florence Fables. By William J. Florence. Chicago, New York and San Francisco: Belford, Clarke & Co.

The Serpent Tempted Her. By Saqui Smith. Chicago, New York and San Francisco: Belford, Clarke & Co.

The Nun of Kenmare. An Autobiography. Boston: Ticknor & Co.

#### FOR ECONOMICAL REASONS.

OLD WAYBACK WAYBACK (from Wayback Town-ship): Gee whack! things is scrumptious, ain't they? What fur is that 'ar ax in th' furrard part o' th' kyar?

YOUNG WAKEUP WAYBACK (from the city): That's to help kill the passengers in case of accident, so as to bring the damages down to \$5,000.







#### IN WREATHS OF SMOKE.

RONDEAU.

I N wreaths of smoke, blown waywardwise, Faces of olden days uprise,
And in his dreamy revery
They haunt the smoker's brain, and he Breathes for the past regretful sighs.

Mem'ries of maids, with azure eyes,
In dewy dells, 'neath June's soft skies,
Faces that more he'll only see
In wreaths of smoke.

Eheu, eheu! how fast Time flies— How youthtime passion droops and dies, And all the countless visions flee! How worn would all those faces be Were they not swathed in soft disguise In wreaths of smoke!

Frank Newton Holman.

# IN THE MUSIC ROOM, SUNDAY EVENING.

Mamma (at the piano): Now, Georgie, what shall we sing—something for Sunday, you know?

GEORGIE (after thought): Let's sing "Shall we go in swimming."

MAMMA: Why, Georgie, there's no such hymn as that!

GERTIE: I guess, mamma, he means "Shall we Gather at the River?"

THE humorist who said the Potomac was running for Congress was little familiar with popular Congressional beverages.

COULD the visions of delirium tremens properly be termed spirit pictures?

#### PRESENCE OF MIND.

UNCLE ABNER (as the freak's cloak accidentally drops from his head): Bless my soul, Harriet, this is a swindle! This isn't a Zulu turning white—he's got red hair!

THE FREAK (with presence of mind): Oi do be a greater wondher than that, sor; Oi'm a descindant av wan av the Oirish kings who is afther turnin' black.



Madam (to applicant): Where was your last place?
Applicant: At the hosspittel, mem.
Madam: Were you a nurse there?
Applicant: No, mem; I was a small-pox patient.

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AS "LIFE" IS SIX YEARS OLD THIS MONTH, WHAT BETTER WAY OF CELEBRATING PRO



THY PARTY.

RATINGR PROSPETTY THAN BY REMEMBERING SOME LESS FORTUNATE CONTEMPORARIES?



A LA MODE.

Miss W. (from Chicago): Do You KNOW, MY DEAR, I THINK I SHALL HAVE MY NEW DRESS MADE IN THE UMPIRE STYLE.

#### TELEGRAPHIC CORRESPONDENCE OF THE PRINCE IMPERIAL.

NEW YORK, December 17.

TO GEN. B. F. HARRISON, Indianapolis, Ind.:

A RRIVED safely. Church three times yesterday with Colonel Shepard. Has no favors to ask, but takes strong interest in War Department. While out, man named Elkins called four times. Who is he?

36 D. H.

NEW YORK, December 18.

(Same address.)

MADE good impression on New Yorkers. Many calls, invitations, etc. Colonel Shepard introducing me into society. Jolly tea-party last night at Young Men's Christian Association. Colonel says your administration ought to have vigorous Secretary of War. Who is Elkins?

41 D. H.

(Same address.)

NEW YORK, December 19.

TENT behind scenes last night, "Crystal Slipper." Save fourteen 'lady clerkships in Treasury until my return. Elkins found me home. Says Maine ought to have representative in Cabinet. Suggests name-James G. Blaine of Augusta. Says he is able, honest, well known through State.

46 D. H.

RUSS.

NEW YORK, December 20.

(Same address.)

INED with Elkins. Name of Blaine happened to come up. Every one at table seemed to think well

of him. Told Elkins you would give Blaine place. Met gentleman named Platt. Seems to know good deal about New York politics. Says new administration should be careful in this State, and especially not recognize two pirates named Miller and Depew. Says he would be willing to give you any assistance in his power. Invited him to spend week with us in January. Colonel Shepard says you ought to have good Christian for Secretary of War. Asked him if he could suggest any one. Blushed, and said no.

78 D. H.

Russ.

NEW YORK, December 21.

(Same address).

ONFIDENTIAL talk with Colonel Shepard. Says he considers his work as Editor of the Biblical Department of his paper his highest duty, but if you cannot find any one of suitable qualifications for Secretary of War, will try to arrange to give you his services. Told him to make arrangements accordingly. Have secured Mr. Platt's conditional acceptance for Treasury Department. John O'Brien agrees to accept Collectorship Port of New York.

69 D. H.

Russ.

(Same address.)

ELLOW here claims to be your son. Suspect bunco. If son, order him back to Indiana.

QUAY.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 29.

NEW YORK, December 29.

TO RUSSELL HARRISON,

Care Mail and Express, N. Y. City:

OME home, first train. If short, borrow from Shepard. Don't ask Quay for loan. PAPA.

Metcalfe.

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IT'S AN ILL WIND, BTC., ETC.

Western Farmer: WELL, THERE'S ONE CONSOLATION, THE CATTLE THIEVES CAN'T CARRY OFF MY STOCK!

#### REFLECTIONS.



WHATEVER it was that they put in Mr. C. D. Warner's grog when he visited them in Kentucky, it has done its work thoroughly. Since Colonel Warner came back

his views of the blue-grass country are a pleasure to read; they are so beneficent. He speaks of whiskey with cordiality, of "hosses" with admiration, and of blue-grass girls with something approach-

ing rapture. It is suggested the Mr. Warner is saving Kentucky for a refuge, whither he can hie when he has finished his remarks on all the other States. Crafty man! who will deny that he has chosen well? Next to her girls, and her whiskey, and her horses, is not the Blue Grass State renowned for the punctuality of her resentments and the scope of her hospitality? Let our Hartford brother avoid the one and cleave to the other, and he will never want for a vantage point whence, if he chooses, he can lie low and sass back at Colonel Field, of Chicago.

THE Governor has been re-inaugurated, and Albany is able to get her hat on once more. (Woe are we that

we should allude thus to a female.) Which suggests, although, the Eidlitz stone ceiling, which merely threatened and never did anybody's head any actual harm, has been taken out of the Capitol by act of Legislature at enormous expense, the Regent's punch, which has split a thousand sculls, lives and moves and gets in its deadly work, and nothing is proposed to be done about it.

Will not Col. Elliott Shepard mention this matter to his young friend, Earnest Crosby? Measures should be taken, it seems to us, to have the said punch surveyed by a competent board of architects and expert legislators, with a view to its amelioration, if possible, or, if necessary, its annual extinction by selected experts.

METHODIST BISHOP MERRILL (No. X. in the Mail and Express picture gallery), has denounced the prospective inauguration ball as frivolous and wasteful, and is sure that if General Harrison contributes his bodily presence to it, "it will undoubtedly be under protest, and—well, with a feeling of humiliation."

We don't believe that Brother Merrill knows Mr. B. Harrison. Certainly, he has forgotten that the new President's partner, at the terpsichorean services he speaks of, will be none else than Mrs. Cleveland. The suggestion that General Harrison will feel humiliated in such company



BEYOND ARGUMENT.

Waldron: And so you have decided to remain a bachelor because you think marriage a failure?

McGill (who has just dropped in): Think! Why, hang it, ). CK, in my case I know it! The girl said she'd be a sister to me.

shows a grievous lack of grace, and grace is a very proper endowment for a Christian bishop.



HE Casino's drop-a-quarter-inthe-slot opera-glass idea suggests a vast field for enterprise in ministering to the wants of theatre-goers. The Sun has complained, with some vigor, of the men who go out between the acts. Why go out at all? Why not "drop-adime-in-the-slot-and-take-out-

a-glass-of-beer-and-a-sandwich; whiskey-straight-in-thenext-seat; caramels-stored-in-right-arm-rest?" Instead of two companies squabbling over the opera-glass idea, let one of them start a new venture and supply something else. Man's necessities are manifold, and at the theatre, even when the play is good, it takes a great deal to make him happy; much more when the play is dull, as plays often are.

AURENCE OLIPHANT'S death is a notable one, and again, in another sense, it is not important, because it is so slight a change. If there is any sense in his impressions as written and uttered, he has lived half in the other world for years. He has put himself on record. What was there to keep him here any longer?

On the other hand, if his beliefs were delusions, his life, which was given over to them, had gone hopelessly astray, and was of no value.

All the same, one of the world's most interesting citizens has left it. E. S. M.



#### SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

Fond Father: Begorra, Bridget, but he pulls like a shtame ingin'. What company he'll be for both iv us whin he can drink and swear a bit!

# FWHOMETIC.

Native: Who are you and where do you come from? Shipurecked Genileman: Oi'm an Oirishman from Oireland. Native: You must have made a mistake, my friend. Shipurecked Genileman: Fwhy?

Shipwrecked Gentleman: FWHY?
Native: This is not New York City!

#### A SACRILEGIOUS PO-SITION.

"GENTLEMEN," said a member of a poker party, suddenly but solemnly, "is it possible that we have all forgotten that we're playing poker on New Year's Eve?

A hush fell upon the room.
"Gentlemen," said Brown,
as he rose from the table,
"you must excuse me, I can
play no more to-night."

Presently another one dropped out, and in a short time the room was empty, with the exception of the one who had "busted" them all.

RICH relatives are like wine. They grow dearer with age.



MODERN DOUBT.

N reading history of Jonah and whale, There arises a serious question, Was it ground for a solemn, miraculous tale, Or merely the whale's indigestion. -Merchant Traveler.

SNAP ACTOR: I have called, sir, to ask you to insert a line to the effect that I have just refused an offer of \$500 a week.

ACCOMMODATING EDITOR: With pleasure. Is there anything else I can do for you, sir ?

SNAP ACTOR: That's all, unless you have a spare dime about you.

Philadelphia Record.

"CAN a young man marry comfortably on \$500 a year?" asks a correspondent. "Yes, he can; but he will be deucedly uncomfortable afterward."—Burlington Free Press.

"PAPA, who is Ajeeb?"
"He is the great chess player at the Eden Musee, my son."
"And does he beat everybody, papa?"
"Everybody who plays with him."
"Why can nobody beat Ajeeb, papa?"
"Because, my son, Ajeeb will not work until he has the money.
Nobody ever beats Ajeeb."—Merchant Traveler.

"I CAN only be a sister to you, George—nothing more."
"I'm afraid that won't do, Miss Clara. I have five grown sisters already, and, to tell you the truth, they are not very favorably disposed toward you; they think a match with you would be the mistake of my life."

Covers "still the girl drawing herself up with

"In that case, George," said the girl, drawing herself up with haughty grace, "you may name the day."—Sun.

No contributions to the "Is Marriage a Failure" discussion have yet arrived from Salt Lake City.—Puck.

MADELEINE: Wasn't it hot at the Johnson's last night? Fred Johnson and I had to go out on the piazza, the air got so close.

MARGUERITE (pleasantly): Didn't the heir get pretty close out there, too ?-Harvard Lampoon.

MRS. ONYX: How do you know that Mrs. Brilliant's diamonds are only paste and her silverware is only plated?

MRS. GARNETT: How? Why, she is my very best friend.—Jeweler's Weekly.

IRATE PASSENGER (as train is moving off): Why the —— didn't you put my luggage in as I told you, you old—
PORTER: E—h, man! yer baggage es na sic a fule as yersel. Ye're i' the wrang train!—Punch.

An Austin clergyman, whose name we suppress on account of his sacred calling, was absorbed in thought a few Sundays ago, just before divine service began, when he was approached by the organist, who asked: "What shall I play?"

"What kind of a hand have you got?" responded the absent minded clergyman.—Texas Siftings.

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FUNNY MAN (blushing): Ah, thank you! It is kind of you to say so. In what respect, may I inquire? EDITOR (coldly): In age, principally .- Wash-

ington Post.

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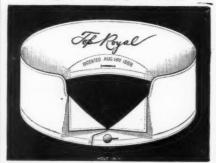
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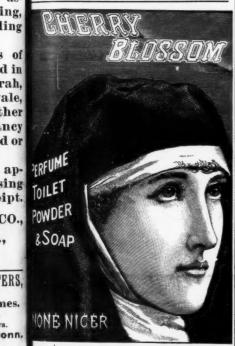
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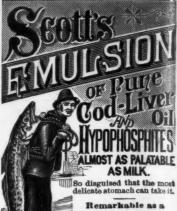
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